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FOR: ADHESIVE-COATED, CONTAMINATION-CONTROL MAT ASSEMBLY
HAVING NEW AND IMPROVED TAB MEANS FOR FACILITATING
THE SEPARATION OF THE UNDERLYING BASE RELEASE SHEET

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In connection with the above-identified patent application, and the prosecution thereof before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby desires to make of record, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, the following PRIOR ART of which Applicant is aware and which is also listed upon the attached PTO FORM 1449:

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The present invention, in connection with which the present patent application is being prosecuted, is directed toward a pull-tab which is adapted to be adhesively bonded to the external surface portion of the release sheet, and wherein further, the relative tack level or degree of adhesiveness defined between the pull-tab and the external surface portion of the release sheet is greater than the relative tack level or degree of adhesiveness defined between the internal surface portion of the release sheet and the underlying adhesive layer disposed upon the undersurface portion of the base member of the contamination-control mat assembly. In this manner, when the pull-tab member is manually grasped and manipulated so as to effectively remove the release sheet from the underlying adhesive layer disposed upon the undersurface portion of the base member of the contamination-control mat assembly, the pull-tab member will in fact remain intact and in place upon the external surface side of the release sheet, the release sheet will in fact be readily and easily removed from the underlying adhesive layer disposed upon the under-

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surface portion of the base member of the contamination-control mat assembly, and no portion of the underlying adhesive layer disposed upon the undersurface portion of the base member of the contamination-control mat assembly will be removed from the undersurface portion of the base member of the contamination-control mat assembly, whereby the contamination-control mat assembly will be able to be properly and securely adhesively affixed to the underlying floor support structure.

While the cited **PRIOR ART** is relevant to the present invention in that the **PRIOR ART** discloses conventional , it is submitted that such **PRIOR ART** patent publications cited above do not disclose the particularly noted features of the present invention, and therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the examiner should merely consider such **PRIOR ART** in its proper perspective, make the same officially of record, and proceed with completion of the examination of this patent application.

Respectfully Submitted,
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